

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POSTAL SUPERVISORS
MIAMI BRANCH 146
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Secretary Carolyn Williams, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The group was led in the Pledge of Allegiance. All attendees were asked to observe a moment of silence for those who are serving in the Military, for those who are ill, for anyone who has had death in the family

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS – Officers absent were Michael Lecounte, President; Bernice Scriven, Sgt. at Arms; Tayloria McPhee Johnson, Scribe. All asked to be excused.

Carolyn advised that the required quorum for business was 15 members. A motion was made by Ann Strickland and seconded by Tom Metcalfe to suspend the required quorum for this meeting. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2023 MEETING – Carolyn advised that the minutes of the May meeting was mailed immediately following the meeting. A motion was made by Linda; seconded by Pat Nolan to accept the minutes as printed and mailed. Eddie Suarez made an objection to the minutes due to an incident that occurred at the September meeting which was not recorded in the minutes. In the meeting, he asked who was attending the SE Area Training in Savannah GA. He was told by Carolyn that it was none of his business. At the September meeting Eddie Suarez was then advised by the president, as to who would be attending. Carolyn advised that this would be included in the October minutes. The motion was amended to include these comments. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS - None-

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ann provided all Deposits, Disbursements and Balance on hand since the September 2023 meeting. Motion to accept the report made Ray; seconded by Linda. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Ann provided an update. She advised that everything in Congress is at a Standstill due to the vote to oust the House Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives. No committee hearings, votes or anything is being accomplished until a Speaker is appointed. Bob Levi advised that the anticipated shutdown did not include the Postal Service. In November 2024, all postal employees will be able to choose a new Health Plan. It affects everyone who may be eligible for Medicare Part B. Bob Levi hosts informative podcasts every Friday, tune in for valuable information. His podcast can be accessed on the NAPS Headquarters website. HR 3005 - Postal Police Bill will shortly have a companion Senate Bill. There are many cosigners now, due to concerns of the ongoing mail theft. Check www.naps.org/Legislative for all updates. HR866 – Equal COLA Act refers to the revision of the calculation of COLA for Annuitants. For those working, some are now under the New HERO program. NAPS has done a tremendous job with the Pay Increase requests. The changes to NPA were ratified and in effect immediately. NAPS is still working on the lawsuit.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS & RULES COMMITTEE – In the absence of Joan Meadors - Chairperson, Tom advised that he didn't schedule a committee meeting due to Joan's family illness. He asked that the committee members who were present, remain for 5 minutes after the meeting is adjourned.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – Pat Nolan, Chairperson advised there are no updates.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- Ann advised that October is Breast Cancer Month and she will walk in the Komen More Than Pink Walk on Saturday at Amelia Earhart Park. Additionally, the Walk to End Alzheimer's is on November 18, 2023 at NOVA University in Davie. She asked that the branch make a donation to each organization, as we have done the past. Ray made a motion to donate \$1000. to the Alzheimer's Association; seconded by Tom. Motion carried. Ann made a motion to donate \$1000. to the Komen More Than Pink Walk; seconded by Lorraine. Motion carried.

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- Ann advised that Jean Lovejoy, District Manager would be retiring, and her husband will also retire.
- Ilia Gonzalez asked about an issue she brought up at the last meeting concerning the issue of an Audit of the Branch being done, however, she advised that she will wait for an answer when the President is present at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the HAMPTON INN & SUITES, 11600 NW 41ST ST, MIAMI FL 33178**. \$50.00 door prize drawing. The winner was Ann Strickland. SPAC drawing – The total collected was \$92 (\$46 to SPAC/\$23 each to Pat Guyton and Ilia Gonzalez. Motion to adjourn – Ray; seconded by Tom. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted – *Carolyn J. Williams, Secretary*

Updated information available in the POSTAL SUPERVISOR. Branch 146 (www.napsbranch146.org); FL State NAPS (www.flnaps.org); NAPS Headquarters (www.naps.org)